# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

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CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al.,	)	CASE NO. 08-35653	E E D CLERK D US BANKRUPTCY COURT
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RICHMOND DIVISION

# RESPONSE TO LIQUIDATING TRUST'S FOURTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIM 14082

G.B. Evansville Developers, LLC ("Landlord") states the following as its response to the Liquidating Trust's Fourteenth Omnibus Objection to Landlord Claims ("Fourteenth Objection") as it relates to Claim No. 14082:

# A. Background.

- 1. Landlord and Circuit City Stores, Inc. ("Debtor") entered into a Lease ("Lease") dated May 22, 1996 for the lease of a certain one-story retail building located in the Lloyd Crossing Shopping Center in Evansville, Indiana to be used as a Circuit City Superstore (Store No. 03621) ("Leased Premises"). (A copy of the Lease is available to the Court and the Trustee upon request).
- 2. Pursuant to the Lease, the Debtor was obligated to pay (a) monthly base rent in the amount of \$44,858.05, (b) the Debtor's share of common area maintenance ("CAM") charges; and (c) the Debtor's pro rata share of real estate taxes. The Debtor also had the obligation of maintaining exterior and interior non-structural elements of the Leased Premises, including repairs and/or replacements of plumbing, heating, electrical and air conditioning.
  - 3. The Debtor filed its bankruptcy case on November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date").

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4. The Lease was rejected by the Debtor effective February 23, 2009 (the "Rejection Date"). (See Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a), 365(a) and 554 and Bankruptcy Rule 6006 Authorizing Rejection of Certain Unexpired Leases of Nonresidential Real Property and Abandonment of Personal Property entered in this matter on March 3, 2009 [Docket No. 2400]).

5. On June 30, 2009, the Landlord filed Claim No. 14082 as an administrative expense claim for rent, CAM, real estate taxes and other costs due to the Landlord under the Lease from the Petition Date to the Rejection Date in the total amount of \$54,44.40 broken down as follows:

Nov. Rent \$31,400.63

Nov. CAM \$1,189.99

R/E taxes (11/10/08 - 2/23/09) \$18,139.78 (estimate)

Removal costs of FF&E left in space \$3,000.00 (estimate)

TOTAL \$54,440.40

6. The Landlord reserved its right further amend and/or supplement Claim No. 14082 as deemed necessary by the Landlord to quantify and/or correct amounts.

## B. Response to Objection to Claim No. 14082.

- 7. In the Fourteenth Objection, the Trustee asserts a books and records objection to Claim No. 14082 seeking to reduce the claim to \$49,357.48 for the following reasons: (a) the real estate taxes were overstated by \$1,372.92; (b) the \$3,000 in removal costs was not substantiated; and (c) \$710 of other costs were not verified.
  - 8. The Landlord objects to this treatment of Claim No. 14082.
  - 9. The Debtor hereby asserts an administrative expense claim in the total amount of

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\$57,868.22 as calculated in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (See the "Up to Rejection" column. The other columns in Exhibit A address Claim Nos. 8276 and 12371 that are the subject of another response to the Trustee's Fourteenth Objection by the Landlord). <sup>1</sup>

- by \$3,710.00 for the removal and other costs, the taxes were only overstated by \$320.12 pursuant to the Landlord's calculation and review of the real estate tax bills. Therefore, the Debtor's real estate tax obligation for 2008 and 2009 that qualifies as an administrative expense claim totals \$17,819.66.
- 11. Furthermore, the estimated projected budget for 2008 CAM was significantly under budget for the Leased Premises. The Debtor occupied 11.49% of the total shopping center and, therefore, was responsible for 11.49% of the shortfall, or \$17,459.41 for the entire calendar year. Thus, the 2008 CAM that qualifies as an administrative expense totals \$2,439.53.
- 12. Finally, the Debtor did not pay its 2009 CAM. The 2009 reconciliation shows that the Landlord is entitled to an administrative expense claim of \$6,570.33 for 2009 CAM.
- 13. Consequently, the Landlord respectfully requests that the Trustee's objection to Claim No. 14082 be denied and that Claim No. 14082 be allowed as an administrative expense claim in the total amount of \$57,868.22.

#### C. Notice Addresses.

Those with information regarding this claim and to whom notice should be given:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to the volume of the back-up information with respect Exhibit A, the Landlord has not attached the back-up information. Copies of the back-up information will be provided to the Court and the Trustee upon request.

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# **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

Nothing in this Response constitutes a waiver of the Landlord's right to assert any additional claims or defenses against the Liquidating Trust as to its Claims.

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# I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS

TRUE AND CORRECT.

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	Reference	Prepetition Amounts	Up to Rejection	One Year	Year	Tota	Total ALL
		Nov 1 to Nov 10, 2008	Nov 11, 2008-Feb 23, 2009	Feb 23, 2009 to Feb 22, 2010	ን Feb 22, 2010		<del>98-3</del>
Base Rent/Mo	\$ 44,858.05	\$ 14,952.68 (10 dys)	\$ 29,905.37 (20 dys '08)	\$ 538	538,296.60 (12 mo)	Ϋ́	583,154.65 <u>9</u>
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CAM 2009 RECON	\$ 44,410.54	,			37,840.21 (311 dys '09)	<b>⋄</b>	_
2007 Tax Pay 2008		\$ 31,528.67 (1/2 yr)		\$		- <b>⟨</b> ⟩	31,528.67
2008 Tax Pay 2009		\$ 49,656.72 (314 dys '08)	\$ 8,065.26 (51 dys '08)	Ś	•	₩.	_
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HH Gregg Tax		- \$	- \$	\$ (32,	(32,142.06)	\$	(32,142.06)
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# **VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court United States Bankruptcy Court 701 East Broad Street – Room 4000 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Circuit City Stores, Inc., et. al

Case No. 08-35653-KRH Our File No.: 15903-89361

Dear Bankruptcy Clerk:

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of Landlord, G.B. Evansville Developers, LLC's Response to Liquidating Trust's Fourteenth Omnibus Objection to Claim 14082 to be filed in the above-referenced matter on the date of receipt, or April 7, 2011, per the instructions set forth in the Notice of Liquidating Trust's Fourteenth Omnibus Objection to Landlord Claims dated February 27, 2011 ("Notice of Fourteenth Objection").

I am also enclosing stamped addressed envelopes for your convenience in returning file-marked copies of the response.

Very truly yours

Whitney L. Mosby

WLM /1575788 Enclosures cc:

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